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## OCTOBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during October 2020 totaled 1.40 million pounds. This was up 14 percent from October 2019. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 2,133,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent from October 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 2,100 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 77 pounds from the previous year, at 993 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 290,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 299 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**United States - Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 5.09 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 5.07 billion pounds produced in October 2019.

**Beef production**, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, down 1 percent from October 2019. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,385 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.3 million pounds, 24 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,100 head, down 33 percent from October 2019. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 250 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.60 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 12.0 million head, down 2 percent from October 2019. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.6 million pounds, was down 17 percent from October 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,300 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 8 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2020 commercial red meat production** was 46.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

**October 2019** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**October 2020** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*